



QUARTERLY REPORTS

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In order to catch up on our quarterly reports, which have fallen behind, we are combining the reports for the 3rd and 4th Quarters of 1996. The reports for 1st and 2nd Quarters of 1997 will be published with them.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. We appreciate receiving newspaper clippings about UFO sightings or related news, but unfortunately cannot acknowledge them individually. Several that you have submitted provided worthwhile information or important leads. Thank you for this assistance.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT. As we conclude 1996 and enter 1997, the state of our treasury is good; not excellent, but adequate to continue our programs. We have two major contributors who selectively support specific projects of interest to them, sometimes on a five-figure level. Currently we have two supporters who have contributed and pledged a few thousand dollars a year and a larger number who contribute a few hundred dollars per year.

We could use many more in these latter two categories, which are vitally important for our planning and budgeting. If you would like to pledge regular monthly, bimonthly, or semi-annual contributions, this would be very welcome and would help us to budget more accurately and efficiently. Special discounts

will be provided for supporters who pledge \$500 or more per year. Also, you may select from among three funds: (1) Unrestricted; (2) Special Awards Fund (Keyhoe & Davis annual awards); (3) Reserve Fund (to ensure long-term funding and continuity). All contributions by U.S. citizens are tax deductible. Our nonprofit organization IRS identification number is 52-1164176.

FUND INTERNATIONAL REACH.

A British book about the factual basis for the X-Files program published in 1996 listed the Fund's address. As a result, we have received letters from all over the British Isles and continental Europe. Also, word of our funding program (including grants to residents of England, Australia, former Soviet republics, and other countries) has spread. We have received letters from the Ukraine, India, and several African and South American countries.

ISABEL DAVIS AWARD TO WALT WEBB. Walter N. Webb was the recipient of the 1996 Isabel Davis Memorial Award. He received the most votes among four candidates. (The other three candidates were Mark Rodeghier, Ann Druffel, and Jenny Randles.) The award, accompanied by a \$1,000 check, recognized the excellence of his long-term UFO research, including the Barney and Betty Hill investigation and the Buff Lodge, Vermont, dual abduction case reported

in his book *Encounter At Buff Ledge* (available from the Center for UFO Studies).

GRANT FOR ABDUCTION COUNSELING. The Fund has made a small grant to Carolyn Thompson of Madison, Wisconsin, to help with the production costs of compiling an academic resource book for counseling of UFO abduction victims. Ms. Thompson has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, and is pursuing an outreach ministry for persons in crisis. She has served as a volunteer and as executive director of a victim assistance program in Chicago.

McDONALD FILES. With grant support from the Fund, Ann Druffel has completed the project of organizing and transferring the UFO files of the late Dr. James E. McDonald to a special collection at the University of Arizona Library. The files are now open to the public. A group of researchers associated with member groups of the UFO Research Coalition plan to spend a week at the library in 1997, studying the files and gathering information.

JACK KASHER ARTIFACT ANALYSIS. A grant of \$600 was made to Dr. Jack Kasher, physicist, University of Nebraska at Omaha for laboratory analysis of an artifact taken by an abductee during an alleged onboard alien encounter. Kasher is working with a laboratory scientist in New Mexico who will conduct transmission electron microscope (TEM) analysis of and a hardness test on the material.--*Richard Hall and Don Berliner*

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